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Union of the BKI (~~Balti~~ Kombetar Independent) and the BKO (Bloku Kombetar Organization) Parties

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A union between BKI, the pro-Catholic Albanian emigre group headed by Ismail Verlaci, and the BKO, the Ali Klissura faction of the BK (~~Balti~~ Kombetar) party, was signed [redacted] the public announcement of the agreement [redacted] made [redacted] July.

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Comment: Although it has been considered a possibility that Khafer Deva, the leader of the Kossovar element among the emigres, would also be invited to join the union, he has not been mentioned as a member of the pact as yet. It is entirely possible that the union will wait some time and consolidate its position before adding the third element. Contributing factors might also be excessive demands on the part of Deva or his reputation as a collaborator.

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